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FEDERAL GRAND JURY INDICTMENTS

Columbia, South Carolina -- United States Attorney Bill Nettles announced today that a Federal Grand Jury sitting in Columbia, South Carolina, has returned the following indictments:

Columbia Ring Charged with Distributing Over \$34,000 Dollars Worth of Counterfeit Checks ---- United States Attorney Bill Nettles stated today that Carry Hayes, age 43, Jennie Miller, age 26, Maurice Miller, age 35 and Connie Heinen, age 33 were charged in a twenty-one count Indictment in connection with a scheme to distribute \$34,407.37 in counterfeit business checks.

Carry Hayes, Jennie Miller, Maurice Miller and Connie Heinen are charged with conspiracy to commit bank fraud, a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1349. Mr. Nettles stated the maximum penalty for that charge is imprisonment of thirty years. The four are also charged with one count of

aggravated identity theft, a violation of Title 18 United States Code, Section 1028A and 2. The maximum penalty for that charge is imprisonment of two years.

Mr. Nettles went on to state that Carry Hayes and Jennie Miller are charged with 17 additional counts of bank fraud, a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1344 and 2. The maximum penalty they could receive is 30 years imprisonment.

Connie Heinen is charged with an additional count of embezzlement of United States mail, a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1709. If convicted of this count, the maximum penalty is imprisonment of five years.

Jennie Miller and Maurice Miller are also charged with one count of possession of counterfeit checks, a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 513 and 2. The maximum penalty for this charge is 10 years imprisonment.

Mr. Nettles stated that the case was investigated by agents of the United States Secret Service and that he has assigned the case to Assistant United States Attorney T. DeWayne Pearson of the Columbia office for prosecution.

North Man Charged With Failure to Register as Sex Offender-- Michael Huggins, age 31, of North, South Carolina, was charged in a 1-count Indictment with Failure to Register as a Sex Offender, a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2250(a). The maximum penalty Michael Huggins could receive is 10 years imprisonment. The case was investigated by agents of the United States Marshal Service and is assigned to Assistant United States Attorney Dean A. Eichelberger of the Columbia office for prosecution.

Conway Man Charged With Bank Fraud and Identity Theft --Terry Henderson, age 27, of Conway, was charged in a 17-count Indictment with Bank Fraud and Identity Theft, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1344 and 1028A(a)(1). The maximum penalty Terry Henderson could receive as to Bank Fraud is 30 years imprisonment. Each charge of identity theft carries a maximum 2 year sentence to be served consecutive to any other sentence. The case was investigated by agents of the Department of Homeland Security-United States Secret Service and is assigned to Assistant United States Attorney John C. Potterfield of the Columbia office for prosecution.

Fort Mill Men Charged With Mortgage Fraud. Paul Lindemann and Michael Keith Hallman, of Fort Mill, were charged in a 1-count Indictment with Making False Statement on Loan Documents, a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1014. The maximum penalty Paul Lindemann and Michael Keith Hallman could receive is 30 years imprisonment. The case was investigated by agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and is assigned to Assistant United States Attorney John C. Potterfield of the Columbia office for prosecution.

Mr. Nettles stated that the charges in these Indictments are merely accusations and that the defendants are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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